

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A display apparatus in which display operation is carried out by controlling emission of each pixel arranged in a matrix,

5 the apparatus comprising:

an element substrate on which a luminous element is formed for each of the pixels;

a sealing substrate on which a protrusion is formed in a surrounding area thereof, the protrusion being adhered to the  
10 periphery of said element substrate so as to seal an upper space over said element substrate, and

a desiccant fixed on an internal surface of the sealing substrate opposed to the element substrate so as to make the upper space located over the element substrate dry, wherein  
15 said desiccant consists of an adhesive made of resin and moisture absorbent grains dispersedly mixed into the adhesive, and

the size of said moisture absorbent grains is equal to or smaller than 10 $\mu$ m.

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2. A display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said moisture absorbent grains are CaO grains.

3. A display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said  
25 adhesive is a thermoplastic resin.

4. A display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said thermoplastic resin is an acrylic resin or an epoxy resin.

5. A display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the size of said moisture absorbent grains is between 0.1 $\mu$ m and 10 $\mu$ m.

5 6. A display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said desiccant is formed in the shape of a spiral on a surface of the sealing substrate opposed to the element substrate.

7. A desiccant which absorbs moisture consisting of:  
10 an adhesive of resin, and  
moisture absorbent grains dispersedly mixed into the adhesive, wherein  
the diameter of said moisture absorbent grains is equal to or smaller than 10 $\mu$ m.

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8. A desiccant according to claim 7, wherein said moisture absorbent grains are CaO grains or BaO grains.

9. A desiccant according to claim 7, wherein said adhesive is  
20 any one of a thermoplastic resin, thermosetting resin and UV setting resin.

10. A desiccant according to claim 9, wherein said thermoplastic resin is an acrylic resin or an epoxy resin.

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11. A desiccant according to claim 7, wherein the size of said moisture absorbent grains is between 0.1 $\mu$ m and 10 $\mu$ m.